

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker and Knollenberg.

Representative Valentine moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Brown, Steil and Opsommer.

The Chair laid HB 4662 before the committee.

HB 4662 Virgil Smith Education; attendance; mandatory kindergarten; revise age requirement.

Representative Valentine moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4662.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Hoogendyk, Pearce and Knollenberg,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Danielle Lang, representing Representative Virgil Smith's Office, testified in support of HB 4662.

Virginia Cantrell, Dara Knill and Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4662. Questions and discussion followed.

Brian Broderick, representing the Michigan Association of Non Public Schools, testified in opposition to HB 4662.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified in opposition to HB

4662.

Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card in support of HB 4662, but did not wish to speak.

No further action was taken on HB 4662.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:00 p.m.

Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
February 19, 2007
1 hour 30 minutes